

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

November 6, 1925

Data compiled for the year by the Michigan Conservation Department for Iron County shows that the property loss due to forest fires amounts to \$31,923 with the cost of fighting fires, exclusive of the fire warden's salaries was \$4,038. A total of 121 forest fires were recorded with carelessness by fishermen and campers causing the most (22) followed by railroad locomotives (20).

The potato farmers about Amasa are witnessing more activity in the crop harvest this year as compared to many years in the past. Two railroad cars of potatoes were shipped to the Chicago Market by Harold Buswell and Henry Levine during the week. The Amasa farmers were paid 95 cents per bushel for upgraded potatoes at the car. Mansfield farmers who have graded certified potatoes are reported to be getting \$1.50 per bushel but there is a lot of work and considerable rejection in graded potatoes associated with the upgraded crop.